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COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS AND
METHOD, AND COMPONENT MOUNTING
EQUIPMENT

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,

Washington, D.C.

Sirs:

In response to the Office Action of January 12, 1999, please
amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Kindly amend the following claims:

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8. (Amended) A component mounting apparatus comprising:
a pair of component supply tables for accommodating
components, said component supply tables being [on which
components are accommodated and which are] arranged on [opposing]
opposite sides of a board mounting position [where a board is
positioned];